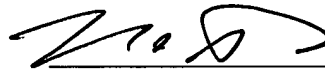


### REMARKS

A notice of allowance dated May 6, 2004 for the above-referenced application has been received and carefully considered. Claims 9 and 11 have been amended to correct informalities present within the claims. Support for the amendment to claim 11 can be found in the specification on page 6 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully requests that this amendment be entered as it raises no new issues, does not add new matter, and does not require an additional search.

Respectfully submitted,



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